

Jake Stokes Of Elba Named District DAR Winner

Each year an outstanding senior is selected by faculty members and fellow students as the DAR Good Citizen for each of the five high schools in Coffee County. The program is sponsored by the John Coffee Daughters of the American Revolution. Because of the criteria for selection, those chosen represent their schools as a recognized leader in school and community as well as excellence and academically.

Each of these students is then judged on criteria provided by the DAR, by non DAR member judges and the single most outstanding student is selected. This year the County winner is Jake Stokes of Elba. He has also won in District 7, which will make him eligible to compete at the state level and for numerous scholarships. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. David L. Stokes of Elba. He is an Eagle Scout, Captain Honors Scholar, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, an awards winner in Science and Math Tournaments, a member of Beta Club, VICA, FBLA, Spanish Club & FFA. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and has a GPA of 94.94 which places him fourth in a class of ninety-one.

Earl Garth is the Enterprise High winner. Earl is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Garth of Enterprise. He is a peer counselor, plays Varsity football, baseball and basketball, and is a member of the Anchor and Stern Club. Earl is an active member of his church where he is a junior usher.

Kinston High School is represented by Wendi Hataway. Wendi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hataway. She is a member of Beta Club, FBLA, Bible Club, Spanish Club & FFA. She is secretary of the SGA and statistician for Kinston

football and basketball. Wendi is a member of the Kinston United Methodist Church where she is active in the youth program and serves on the

Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Brent Spicer is the New Brockton High School Good Citizen. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Spencer of

New Brockton. Brent is a member of the Science and Spanish Clubs, Mu Alpha Theta, band, and chorus. He is a member of the Southeastern United States Band, TSU, Who's Who Among Young American High School Students and the National Honor Society, and he is active in Boy Scouts, a member of the Enterprise Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints Church where he is active in preparing for further service as a church missionary.

Zion Chapel High School is represented by Nicole Pilcher. Nicole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pilcher of New Brockton. She is a member of 4-H Club Livestock and Land Judging Teams, Band, FFA, Pop Club, Youth For Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Who's Who, Spanish Club, FBLA, newspaper & annual staffs, varsity cheerleader, active in SGA and winner of numerous beauty contests. Nicole is a member of the Elba First Baptist

Church where she is active in youth activities. These fine outstanding high school students were honored with a luncheon on December 5th by the members of the John Coffee Chapter DAR.

Elba Masonic Lodge #170 will host their annual Christmas Supper, for members and invited guests. The supper will be held Saturday, December 12, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. at the lodge.



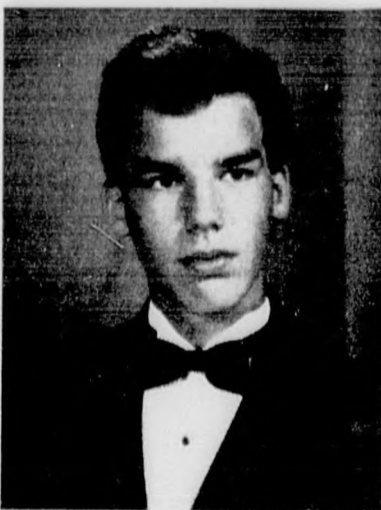
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Public Notice of Possible Impact to Important Land Resources

The US Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is considering an application sponsored by the South Crenshaw County Water Authority. The specific elements of this proposed action include construction of approximately 144 miles of six (6) inch, and three (3) inch PVC water distribution mains to serve about 290 new customers in Coffee, Covington and Crenshaw Counties. It is also proposed to construct a 400 GPM water supply plant on an existing site in Section 14, T8N, R18E and a 300,000 gallon water storage tank on a 0.5 acre site in Section 19, T7N, R17E. The alternative well site will be the 0.5 acre water storage tank site.

If implemented, the proposed action would indirectly impact approximately 2500 acres of important farmland traversing along the proposed water distribution mains as described below:

COVINGTON COUNTY
Co. Hwy 63; Co. Hwy 27; Co. Hwy 37, from Crenshaw Co. line to Co. Hwy 27; dirt road connecting Co. Hwy 27, 63 and 37; and U. S. Hwy 29 from County Hwy 63 to Crenshaw Co. line.

COFFEE COUNTY
Co. Hwy. 21 from Co. Hwy 3 to Pike Co. line; Co. Hwy 23 from intersection of Co. Hwy 35 North to Pike Co. line; dirt road running East off 23 in Section 6, T7N, R20E; dirt road running between Co. Hwy. 60 and Co. Hwy. 23; Co. Hwy. 50 from Al. Hwy. 141 and Co. Hwy. 11; dirt road running south along East line of Section 34, T6N, R20E; Co. Hwy 60 in W1/2 of Section 30, T7N, R20E and all of Co. Hwy. 19, Section 17, T6N, R20E.

CRENSHAW COUNTY
All streets and roads in community of Seawright lying in Sections 17, 18, and 19; dirt road off Co. Hwy. 77 running East in Section 32, T7N, R17E; Co. Hwy. 37 from Leon to Covington Co. line; Co. Hwy. 77 from Al. Hwy. 106 to Leon; Al. Hwy. 106 from intersection of Co. Hwy. 37 to Mills Chapel Road in Section 34, T8N, R16E; dirt road from Al. Hwy. 106 running North by Mills Chapel to Pleasant Home Church including all roads in Section 22 and 23, T8N, R16E; Indian Creek Church community including dirt roads in Sections 35 and 36, T8N, R16E; dirt roads in Section 31, T8N, R17E; dirt road off U.S. Hwy. 29 at Theba running NW thru sections 23, 25 and 26 T7N, R17E; Co. Hwy. 57 from Darien Church to north line of S1/2 of Section 24, T8N, R18E; Co. Hwy. 59 from intersection of Co. Hwy. 57 to Section 22, T9N, R18E; dirt road off Al. Hwy. 189 running NE thru sections 22 and 23, T7N, R18E and dirt road off U.S. Hwy. 29 to West line of Section 18, T7N, R17E.

Additionally, the proposed action would indirectly impact floodplain areas as follows:

CRENSHAW COUNTY
Creek Crossing/Sina Creek-Section 19, T6N, R17E (0.1 mile)
Creek Crossing/Gin House Creek-Section 13, T7N, R16E (0.1 mile)
Creek Crossing/Patsaliga Creek-Sections 1 & 12, T7N, R16E (0.4 miles)
Creek Crossing/East Bradley Branch-Section 31, T8N R17E (0.1 mile)

COVINGTON COUNTY
Creek Crossing/Big Creek - Section 24, T6N, R16E (0.1 mile)
Creek Crossing/Sims Mill Creek-Section 23, T6N, R16E (0.1 mile)

COFFEE COUNTY
Creek Crossing/McCollough Branch-Section 30, T7N, R20E (0.1 mile)
Creek Crossing/Bluff & Stinking Creek-Section 19, T7N, R20E (0.7 mile)
Creek Crossing/Sweetwater Creek-Section 16, T7N, R20E (0.3 mile)

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this possible result and to request comments concerning (1) the impacts of the proposed action on important farmland and floodplain, (2) alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and (3) methods that could be used to reduce these impacts. As one possible mitigation measure, it is being considered to restrict service in the areas identified as important farmland and floodplain to existing residences and structures.

The proposed action is available for review at the following FmHA office: 474 South Court Street, Aronov Building, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Any person interested in commenting on the proposed action may do so by sending such comments within 30 days following the date of this publication to FmHA, at the above address.

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ELBA CHEERLEADERS LEAH CROWE (left) AND HEATHER STINSON (right) HOLD THE BANNER THAT SAYS IT ALL - WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!!

DANIEL STEPHENS APPOINTED TO ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Clouds of controversy still loom over Elba's City Hall

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday night. They paid bills, gave employees reason for Christmas cheer, made a school board appointment, struck a deal with the Chamber of Commerce, heaped praise on football team, and approved refinancing of a bond issue to get lower interest.

They also heard a complaint from a citizen about his neighbor's cats.

The council accepted bids on buying computers for the new library.

There were some special visitors at the meeting. Mrs. Beth DuBois and a group of her 3rd graders are studying government and attended the meeting to see government in action.

All was not lovely however, as council member Ronnie Jirright had some questions go unanswered and a motion go unpassed.

The council approved bills totaling \$20,507.52 plus paying a medical bill of a part-time police officer hurt during training.

Police Chief Freddie Hanchey reported receiving 273 complaints during the past three weeks. The department responded to four traffic accidents, issued nine traffic citations, including one for DUI. There were 11 criminal arrests during the same period.

The animal control officer picked up 34 dogs and one was sold.

The council approved refinancing

a 1985 bond issue cutting interest from rates as high as 9% down to a fixed rate of 5%.

City employees were given a traditional Christmas one-time pay raise. Full time employees will get \$30 and part time employees, working 20 hours or more, will get \$25.

Mayor Ricky Haywood recommended appointing Daniel Stephens to the school board replacing Attorney Garth Lindsey, who had mailed a letter of resignation earlier. The recommendation was approved without discussion.

Bids for computers to serve the new library were approved. CP & R of Enterprise was low bidder at \$7,609.95. These will be paid for with FEMA flood funds.

The council renewed a contract with the Chamber of Commerce for public relations work. The amount of money was increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 annually.

Council member John W. Sharpless made a motion recognizing the achievement of the Elba football team, cheerleaders and band. The council voted to prepare a resolution commending them. They asked the mayor to personally present this resolution.

The council meeting had moved along smoothly until the very end when Mr. Jirright asked some tough questions he said had come from the people in his district.

A request he made last month for a cash flow balance was repeated because it was not available for council members as promised.

The cost of living raise for city employees was his next question. Jirright said he wanted to know why they hadn't gotten the raise approved in the budget. It was noted that additional money had been added for salaries, but no action has yet been taken authorizing any raises.

Jirright then said the administration has been in office for two months, has hired six people and transferred three. He estimates this has cost \$50,000. He then added in the cost of Mr. Clark, the assistant mayor (operations officer) and estimated it was costing an additional \$100,000 a year in salaries alone.

"Things in Elba are in a mess," Jirright said.

Mayor Ricky Haywood then announced he had visited the Alabama Attorney General today (Monday) and he had recommended the city get a declaratory judgment from a judge on just who can hire and fire.

Haywood later explained he had met and talked with a Mr. Solomon in the Attorney General's office.

Jirright referred to a manual published by the Alabama League of

Municipalities and said the guidelines were in that book.

Council member Bill Brunson added it was his hope the personnel committee appointed by the mayor could resolve these problems.

Council member Gladys Yelverton added, "We can solve our own problems."

Jirright added, "We need to stop wasting time and money. 'What little money we have is fast disappearing.'"

The statement by Mrs. Yelverton and the balance of her remarks seemed to calm the waters, tempers seemed to cool and the matter was dropped.

Mr. George Windham asked the council to consider some kind of ordinance which would help control cats. He said a neighbor of his has 25 or 35 cats and they cause problems at his house. No action was taken, but he was assured the matter would be looked into.

Elba's W&E Board continues to deal with personnel problems

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board agenda looked to be the casual observer like things would be calm, but it was misleading.

Tabling of three items on the agenda prevented some arguments but not all.

The first problem arose when Board member Earl McCollough be-

gan questioning \$25,386.00 in monthly bills. When he was told of three items exceeding \$16,000, he zeroed in on the balance.

Chairman Mickey Murdock delayed asking approval of the bills while McCollough reviewed a stack of monthly bills. At the end of the meeting, he was promised a detailed breakdown the next day and the bills were approved for payment.

The board approved three people to have check signing privileges. This went smoothly even though there had been some debate by Superintendent Ricky Haywood several weeks ago concerning Murdock's right or lack thereof to sign checks.

Murdock appointed the same three member committee to review the personnel policy as appointed by Haywood on the City side. They are: Haywood, Henry Clark and Earl McCollough.

The agenda called for a review of the George Homayk matter. This is an employee of the W & E who was laid off and then hired on the City side at a reduced salary.

He and his lawyer are asking for reinstatement and/or back pay.

Haywood announced he had sent a copy of Homayk's personnel file to the city's errors and omissions insurance carrier, hoping for their help.

The board tabled any action until a response was received.

Another personnel matter dealt

No livestock sale in Elba on Dec. 22

The Coffee County Livestock Co-op, of Elba, will not hold a sale on December 22nd. The sale was canceled to allow buyers and sellers some additional time with their families during the Christmas holidays.

Regular sale days will resume on December 29, according to Manager Mike Marler.

A special night cow sale is scheduled for January 5th. This cow sale begins at 7 p.m. Hogs will be sold at 12:30 p.m., which is the regular time for hogs.

The annual meeting of co-op members has been announced. Marler says the meeting will be held on January 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. It will be at the livestock barn in Elba.

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Another personnel matter dealt

with Bennie Walker. Board members were told this was a Work Release employee who was released by former Mayor Fred Moore.

Haywood said his file had been forwarded also and this matter was first tabled. However City Attorney Mark Vaughan was asked by board member Bill Brunson if he had studied the case and Vaughan acknowledged he had.

He recommended that due to the 1985 amendment to the bylaws, the man be either put back to work or terminated. The board officially terminated Walker after questioning the members of the commission employed by the city to amend the plan if recommended changes could be justified.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns once again voiced his opposition to the plan as he did on September 28 when the commission adopted it.

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The commissioners agreed to study the plan and make adjustments where and when it is possible to do so.

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Burns questions commission on employee classification plan that it recently adopted

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Discussion concerning the county's recent adoption of a classification plan for county employees consumed the majority of Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission.

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Coffee County BOE refinances bonds

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education, in Monday evening's meeting, gave its approval to refinance its bond issue.

Superintendent Clayton Bryant estimated that by taking this action, the BOE would save between \$65,000 and \$75,000 annually on the bond issue. He also estimated that the length of the bond issue would be reduced by approximately two years.

Over the life of the bond issue, Bryant estimated that a savings of \$1.1 to \$1.2 million would be realized by the BOE in refinancing the bond issue.

The Board has pledged a portion of the sales tax and ad valorem tax revenues received by the BOE to go toward the retirement of the bond issue.

In the refinancing of the bond issue,

an attempt was made to combine the two, but this was not allowed by law. Could this have been done, it was quite possible that even a greater savings might have been realized in the refinancing of the bonds.

Board members signed the proper paperwork to proceed with the refinancing process. The total refinancing process should be completed by the end of the year.

Turning to other matters, board members heard a report from June Brown on the results of the Alabama High School Graduating Test given to county students in the fall.

The test was administered to 11th and 12th grade students in the New Brockton, Kinston and Zion Chapel High Schools. There were three divisions to the test - reading, math and language.

Coffee County students scored above the state average in the reading portion of the test but were 2 to 3 percentage points below the state av-

erage in the math and language divisions.

Although there was concern expressed by board members about the areas where county students' test results were below the state average, they were still pleased with the overall results.

It was a general consensus of the group, that because there are so many variables which could possibly affect the test scores, it is impossible to pin point one single reason for students being below the state average in certain areas of testing.

Bryant told board members that the goal in the testing process is for 95% of the students being tested to get 75% or better of the items on the test correct.

These test results are one of the many guidelines used in evaluating a school's accreditation.

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** HAPPENINGS **

SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE ELBA CLIPPER The December 31st issue of *The Elba Clipper* will contain a special section dedicated to the Elba Tiger Football Team. The special section will be in recognition of the team's winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Class 3-A Football Championship last Friday evening in Vernon, Alabama.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT The Brookdale neighborhood in Elba will have its seventh annual lighting of the neighborhood's streets with luminaria on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 1992 at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to drive through an enjoy this festive event.

MORE TOYS NEEDED The Coffee County Department of Human Resources needs new toys so that some deserving child might share in the joy of Christmas. For more information call 347-5865 and ask to speak with Cheryl Hancock. DO IT NOW!

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Elba Tiger football team has done it again! They are the Class 3A state champs. That isn't really news, because we wrote right here last week that they would win. We printed the fact to assure you we knew what we were talking about.

There is a lot of talk about the team effort, leadership etc. on this 1992 football team. We echo all those opinions and point out that it extends further than the football field. We use as examples Jamie Brockton's involvement with the state championship 4-H meat judging team two years running; the team participated in the Christmas parade Saturday evening; Several members of the team were on-stage participants in the successful Elba Miss Ebony pageant Saturday night; Bo Boyd is another example. Friday night he played on the championship football team; Saturday he showed a steer in a show in Montgomery and won Best of Class; Sunday night he had a key part in a performance by the youth group at the Elba United Methodist Church! That sounds like a bit too much, but these are examples of what Coach Wood had to work with this season.

Christmas time is here already. We hope our readers, along with their friends, family and neighbors, are in the right frame of mind to enjoy the festivities and give thanks for the opportunity.

One of our neighbors died last week. This world needs more, not fewer Roscoe Deals. There is no person on this earth who knows all the good things Roscoe has done for his fellow man. Being a neighbor and in the newspaper business we have known many of his kind deeds, but were also aware we would never know them all. A friend dropped by our office Monday telling us something Roscoe Deal had done to help him... something we had no idea had happened. That list could probably get very, very long if we counted all the people he had given food, visited, sent cards or loaned money.

The Elba Christmas parade last Saturday was probably the best one we have seen since the annual event began. We make that observation because of the many entries from religious groups. We have always wondered why there was not more physical evidence of our churches at these Christmas festivals. We are pleased they decided to make their statement.

No, things have not been smoothed out at city hall. We don't see any of the explosive problems solved, they are just not taking the spotlight right now. While we don't see anyone involved having a sudden attitude change, it is possible for us to get so busy with other things, these problems are kept in the background with no further embarrassment to the people of Elba. The trick is for all of us to be on the lookout for things to keep our officials busy and their minds off the unsolvable problems.

Daniel Stephens was appointed to the school board this week. We wish him well in this position. He is interested in school activities and our children. He often attends board meetings, just to hear what is going on... to be informed. We like that.

City hall is catching flak about the condition of roads in the Mulberry Heights area and we don't blame the citizens of that area. The good news from Mayor Ricky Haywood is that as soon as the weather clears, the paving contractor will be in here paving streets. A new agreement signed this week gives them 53 days to complete the job... but the sooner they finish, the sooner they get their money!

We are planning a special section of the newspaper to salute the Class 3A state football champs for the week after Christmas. This will include recaps of all the games with pictures; congratulatory ads and that special chance for individuals to join in on a signature page(s). Come by and sign up, it only costs a dollar.

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been numerous times that somebody could have gotten hit from behind. With 60 feet between each car, they would have gotten to Enterprise about the same time and a lot safer. Stop tailgating! At this time of year this would be one of the best gifts you could give yourself, family, friends, even someone you don't know.

Sincerely,
E. Devane

ELBA POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, December 8, 1992, investigated the following incidents: two thefts, one forgery, two attempted burglaries, one harassing communication, one reckless driving, two assaults, and two criminal mischiefs.

Traffic citations for the following violations were issued: one for speeding.

Daily activity for the week was as follows:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 - Wreck on AL Hwy. 87N (9:10 a.m.); Electrical fire at First Baptist Church (5:44 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 - Prowler on Sunset Blvd. (1:37 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Old Samson Rd. (10:28 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (4:15 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 - Rescue run to residence on Co. Rd. 1 (1:34 a.m.); Rescue run to Zion Chapel High School (9:04 a.m.); Disturbance on Co. Rd. 98 (11:23 a.m.); Fire truck dispatched to stand-by at gas leak at Haywood's Drug (4:03 p.m.); Rescue run to residence in Shiloh Community (4:51 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 - Rescue run to residence on Co. Rd. 33 (10:41 a.m.); Fight reported at Wilson Cole residence (12:11 p.m.); Disturbance on West St. (8:21 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 - Wreck at Powell's Trailer Court (1:10 a.m.); Disturbance on Smith

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES ROSCOE DEAL

James Roscoe Deal, age 78 of Elba, Alabama, died Wednesday, December 9, 1992 in an Elba, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 11, 1992 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Winston Jay and Dr. Frank Wells officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Deal of Elba, AL; one daughter, Carolyn Miles of Huntsville, AL; one son-in-law, Dr. Paul Miles of Huntsville, AL; one brother, L. R. Deal of Andalusia, AL; two sisters-in-law, Jewel Deal of Andalusia, AL and Hazel Lee of Elba, AL; one grandson, John Miles of Newnan, Georgia; one granddaughter, Elizabeth Miles of Dalton, GA; one granddaughter-in-law, Lisa Miles of Newnan, GA.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a favorite charity or church. Active pallbearers include Curtis Deal, Gaston Deal, Foy Deal, Robin Bozeman, Jon Deal, and Jon Morgan. Honorary pallbearers include members of SouthTrust Bank Raccoon Club.

DICK DONALDSON

Dick Donaldson, age 87 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, December 10, 1992 in an Elba, AL nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 12, 1992 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. D. P. Benefield officiating.

Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Donaldson of Elba, AL; two daughters, Dessiree Weeks of Geneva, AL and Louise Spikes of Valparaiso, Florida; five sons, Lamar Donaldson and Bernice Donaldson, both of Elba, AL, Hubert Donaldson of Geneva, AL, Lomax Donaldson of Valparaiso, FL and Cecil Donaldson of Wewahatcha, FL; two sisters, Minnie Mae Hearn of Valparaiso, FL and Ouida Crosby of Elba, AL; 16 grandchildren.

CHARLIE CLEVELAND BROOKS

Charlie Cleveland Brooks, age 41 of Enterprise, Alabama, died Wednesday, December 9, 1992 in a Birmingham, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 14, 1992 from the New Glorious Church of God in Christ, Shiloh, AL, with Rev. J. C. McLeod officiating.

Burial followed in the Shiloh Cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include his wife, Devane Brooks of Enterprise, AL; one son, Charlie Cleveland Brooks, Jr. of Enterprise, AL; one brother, Clifford Brooks of Shiloh, AL; three sisters, Margaret Williams of Shiloh, AL, Marie Brooks of Enterprise, AL, and

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK was celebrated in the Elba Elementary School Library November 16-20. A lesson in book care was performed by sixth graders doing a rap of "Library ABC's." Other activities included sixth graders performing from reading various Aesop's Fables. Sixth grade performers were: Julie Roberson, Elizabeth Stephens, Laura Crowe, Daniel Ward, Anna Maddox, Reese Grandin, Diana Jackson, Meghan Kyles, Emily Bryan and Angie Laney.

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There are five water meters on the line. No action was taken as the board tabled any action until some questions on right-of-way, etc. have been answered.

Board member Jack Prescott urged the utility to again actively support the Good Cents Home program. He explained that Alabama Electric Co-op will participate and the program will ultimately make money for the utility department.

The board followed the lead of the City and approved a one-time pay raise for all employees. Full time employees will get \$50 and part-time employees will receive \$25.

The Board postponed buying two

PC computers, a computer desk, calculator and a printer. One computer was for Pat Boothe's office and the other for the City Clerk.

Mr. Harold Burrell asked for reimbursement on his sewer charges since August 1990. He explained he is on a septic tank and not using city sewerage.

He added his neighbor had been added to his septic tank because of problems with city sewerage.

Murdock instructed the man to get with the city clerk about his personal refund.

DAM

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Burns concluded, "All that I'm asking for is a fair and equitable plan for my employees."

Bids for three laser printers to be used with the county's computer equipment were opened by the commission. Submitting the low bid was Valcom Computer Center of Dothan, Alabama. Their bid was \$6,969.00. Commissioners awarded the bid to Valcom.

The bids ranged from Valcom's low bid of \$6,969.00 to a high bid of \$8,910.00 from S & W Computer Company.

Seven bids for a multiplexor for the county's computer system were also opened but no action was taken on them. John Brim, the county's computer programmer, is to study the bids and make a recommendation to the commissioners at the next meeting.

Bids on the multiplexor ranged from a high of \$17,231.95 to a low of \$6,900.00.

Low bidder on the multiplexor was Action Computer Sales & Service of Dothan, Alabama.

Turning to other matters, the commissioners were informed by County Engineer Mark Pool that he has a problem with beavers.

Pool stated that there are 42 known sites where beavers have damaged up drain pipes or streams near bridges.

He said that problems caused by these beaver dams cost the county approximately \$30,000.00 per year and the figure is on the increase.

Pool asked the commissioners for permission to declare war on these beavers.

The commission gave its approval for Pool to contact professional trappers to help solve the beaver problem. This is to be done on a trial basis by the highway department until an accurate cost can be established.

Commissioners were told by Pool that ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) is still waiting on a transcript of the recent hearing held in Coffee County.

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In other matters, the board took the following action:

***Approved the low bids for furnishing food supplies to the Child Nutrition Program.

***Agreed to allow the dismissal of county schools at noon on Friday, December 18, for the Christmas holidays.

***Board members were advised that county schools, over the past two years, has shown an enrollment increase of 65 to 67 students.

***Approved personnel changes - granted leaves, made replacements, approved transfers and also hired some personnel.

***Board members were told that three new buses would soon be delivered to the county shop.



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THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION...The third grade classes at Elba Elementary School celebrated Thanksgiving early by dressing as Pilgrims and Indians. The traditional feast of turkey and dressing was served by the lunchroom workers on Tuesday, November 24, prior to school dismissing on Wednesday.

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Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melissa missed Elba's first state championship win back in 1989, but as a die-hard Tiger fan, she made it known early last week that she would make the 252-mile trip to Vernon to see the second. By the time we made it to Prattville she had changed her mind; however, it was no turning back and she was on the field after the game joining in the celebration. Her excitement turned into exhaustion on the way home, and by the time we made it back to Elba at 3:15 a.m. she was stretched out across the backseat with her head in her Mom's lap and her feet in the lap of her cousin.

While Melissa chose her bed over a second victory celebration at the football stadium, Melissa was wide awake when we got home and joined in the fun at the stadium by blowing the car horn almost non-stop. It was a long day, but one enjoyed by the whole Mularz family!

ELBA TIGERS BRING STATE TITLE BACK HOME

When the Elba Tigers started their victory celebration with 19-second left on the clock Friday night, it marked what had to be the perfect ending to one of the greatest seasons ever in the rich history of Elba Tiger football.

The 1992 Elba Tigers weren't even ranked in the Top 10 in Class 3A when the season started, but after opening wins over SA Charles Henderson, 2A power Georgia and defending 3A state champ Laverne, the Tigers were back in the standings and had Tiger fans thinking about the possibility of a second state championship. A big win over undefeated 4A power Opp convinced the fans that big things were ahead, while lopsided wins over Louisville and Sixmont by a combined score of 117-6 made even the most pessimistic fan admit that another title could be within this team's grasp. A disappointing one-point loss to defending 4A champ T.R. Miller took a little out of the Tigers' sails, but the Tigers quickly rebounded and easily whipped 5A Andalusia and 5A Hillcrest to close out the season at 8-1.

Elba didn't get excited about playing Rehobeth in its playoff opener, and it showed in a solid, yet lackluster 28-0 drubbing of the Rebels. The win was costly; however, as quarterback Keith Grantham broke his right hand in the first quarter and leading rusher Greg Thigpen twisted his ankle. Grantham returned to the line-up with a cast on his hand in the Tigers' second game against St. Paul's, in the second round of the playoffs, but when Elba fell behind 10-0 in the first half, and with Grantham and Thigpen both hurt, hopes for even a third round game appeared dim. Elba simply buckled its chin straps a little tighter and fought until the end, when Grantham tossed a touchdown pass that gave the Tigers the win.

By the third round contest against Southern Choctaw everybody in 3A knew of Elba's walking wounded, and opposing defenses licked their lips knowing the Tigers couldn't pass the football. Southern Choctaw had the most talented team Elba had faced throughout the season, but once again the Tigers found a way to win and pulled out a 7-6 win in a heartstopping victory. High-powered Asheville brought eight buses of fans to Elba in the semifinals and was convinced that the Tigers' playoff trip would end; however, the Tigers began to find their passing game again and combined a rock-hard defense with a mistake-free offense to post the impressive 21-14 win.

While every other team from South Alabama would host the state finals in their respective classes, Elba would have to travel for the fourth time in their four trips to the finals. Undefeated Lamar County was a prohibitive favorite and one sportswriter from a North Alabama newspaper picked the Bulldogs to bury the Tigers 35-0. The Lamar County players showed their confidence while parading in front of the Elba fans before the game, and in true Miami Hurricane fashion pointed fingers and mocked the fans. Once the game started it was obvious which team was the best, as Elba scored on its fourth play of the night and by the end of the half was on top 15-3. The Tigers made a few mistakes in the second half that kept the score closer than it really was; however, the defense refused to let Lamar County get on the scoreboard and at the end the Tigers had the '92 state championship.

The Tigers' trip to the state championship wasn't an easy one and wasn't one that many thought possible early in the season. The only ones that thought the Tigers would win the title were the players, and it was their dedication and pride that made it all possible. The seniors on this state championship team may have provided more leadership than any Elba team in memory, and while many, many players played a big role in the championship, this one was for the seniors and they deserved it as much as any group of athletes I've ever been around. In years to come, when the word champion is mentioned, I'll refer back to the 1992 Elba Tigers and that will be enough said, because this team is truly a "Team of Champions!"

Basketball Briefs

KINSTON 68

ARITON 55
The Kinston Bulldogs evened their record at 2-2 last Monday night with a 68-55 win over the Arton Purple Cats, at Arton.
Roger Smith scored 15 points and grabbed 9 rebounds to pace the Bulldogs, while Darrin Moody added 13 points and Jeremy Carley tossed in 10. Tim Kilow scored 24 points to lead Arton.
Kinston's B team was also successful as it whipped Arton 54-46 behind the 14 point, 8 rebound effort of Adam Davis.

HOUSTON ACADEMY 71

ZION CHAPEL 46
The Zion Chapel Rebels continued winless last Tuesday night as they fell to Houston Academy 71-46, in Dothan.
The Rebels fell behind 36-13 by the end of the second quarter and never threatened against the talented Raiders.
Chris Hodge poured in 30 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Charlie Parrish scored 20 to lead Houston Academy.

KINSTON 86

RED LEVEL 78
The Kinston Bulldogs and Red Level Tigers scorched the nets last Tuesday night in a high-scoring contest and when the smoke had cleared it was the Bulldogs that had the 86-78 win.
Roger Smith scored 26 points and Jeremy Carley added 23 points and 19 rebounds to pace Kinston, while Joe Davis tossed in 17 points and Tracy Hill scored 12.
The Bulldog B team won 50-28 behind the 13 points performance of Adam Davis.

BRANTLEY 86

PLEASANT HOME 59
The Brantley Bulldogs had no problem in handling highly-touted Pleasant Home a lopsided 86-59 defeat, last Tuesday night in Brantley.
Derek Caldwell scored 26 points to lead Brantley, while Eric Person scored 18. Mike Davis led Pleasant Home with 18 points.

NEW BROCKTON 93

COTTONWOOD 46
The New Brockton Gamecocks picked up an important Area 4 win Tuesday night when they demolished the Cottonwoods 93-46, in New Brockton.
Adrian Flowers poured in 32 points to lead the 2-1 Gamecocks, while Mitchell Truitt added 13 and Eric Edwards tossed in 11. Byron Blanks scored 13 for Cottonwood.

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FINAL WIN WAS DEPARTURE FROM ROUTINE

During the regular season and the playoffs, the Elba Tigers were known as a second half team. In many games, the Tigers would struggle in the opening two quarters and then look like a different team in the second half and dominate the final two quarters. Friday night the Tigers varied from the script that brought them to the championship game and scored early and often to take command from the start.

The offensive plan was to get fullback Jamie Brockton the ball in the middle of the Lamar County defense and it worked just like it been drawn up on the chalkboard. Brockton gained 37 yards on his first carry of the night, broke loose on a 48-yard run on the Tigers' second series and by the end of the half had rolled up 107 yards on only six carries. Brockton was bottled up for much of the second half, but had runs of 17 and 14 yards late in the game that helped Elba run out the clock, and for the night had a season-high 159 yards on 13 carries. Teddy Burks went the whole game at tailback and gained 98 yards on 22 carries to keep Lamar County from being able to simply load up the middle. Burks had a 73-yard touchdown run nullified by a questionable clipping penalty in the first quarter, but never slowed down and late in the half caught a 50-yard touchdown pass that gave the Tigers a little breathing room. The Tigers may have been shooting BB's (Brockton and Burks) at the Lamar County defense, but it proved fatal to the Bulldogs.

The Elba offensive line has probably received more publicity than any offensive line in the state; however, it carried every bit of the attention and in the win over Lamar County once again led the way. The line was the one constant that never eased up throughout the season, and the names of Kevin Bryan, Bryce Phillips, Phillip Crump, Heath Wyrodick, Lance McCollough, Julius Peterson, Joe Donaldson and Aaron Smith will always be remembered when the '92 team is mentioned.

The defense gave up some yardage at times to the wide-open attack of Lamar County, but never let the Bulldogs get into the endzone, and except for a 42-yard field-goal, would have recorded a shutout in the title game. The Tigers had problems with the traps and reverses of the Lamar County offense, and the secondary allowed 13 pass completions on the night. The defense was content to let Lamar County get short gains, because the defense knew that it would come up with some big plays before the Bulldogs could drive the length of the field. Big plays did come, such as Che Vaughan's diving interception inches from the goal line, and Josh Caldwell's interception and fumble recovery in the fourth quarter. Big plays aren't always remembered, or noticed, and many of the defense's biggest plays came on third down, when the defense stopped the Bulldogs on six of nine third down plays. Lamar County got inside the Elba 30-yardline four times during the game, but on those four possessions managed only 19 yards in offense. The defense kept the Bulldogs from being able to get into the endzone. The defense rose to each and every challenge, and led by the inspired play of Bryce Phillips, Teddy Burks and Jamie Brockton, never let Lamar County get back in the game.

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While the football team was fighting its' heart out to bring the state title home to Elba, the hundreds of Tiger fans in attendance were also fighting a battle against the Lamar County fans and enjoying the battle. When the Lamar County team paraded on the field prior to the game and pointed fingers at the fans, the fans weren't impressed and one fan yelled "Bring on the varsity!" to the Bulldogs as they headed back toward the dressing room. The fans were loud and supportive throughout the game, perhaps the loudest I've heard Elba fans in years, and even Coach Wood's sister, who made the trip from Indiana, joined in on the chant "El - BEE."

I can assure the fans that they were heard on the field, and can also assure the fans that they did indeed make a difference in the game, and in the playoffs. The players know when the stands are empty, and know when the stands are filled, and Friday night knew for certain that they had the support of Elba and its fans!

IT HAS TRULY BEEN "DECADE OF THE TIGERS"

When the Elba Tigers defeated Lamar County last week to win the state championship, they may have closed out one of the most dominating decades ever for the tradition-rich Tigers. In the past 10 years, Elba has won 98 football games, while losing only 28, and during the decade has been to the state championship game four times, winning two state titles, the first in school history. The Tigers are 22-6 in the playoffs during that same span, and posted at least 10 wins seven of the ten years. If 1992 was the "Year of the Tiger," the past ten years have been the "Decade of the Tigers!"

SOUTH ALABAMA CONTINUES DOMINANCE

The state championship games were played in all six classes last week and the "South rose again" as five of the six championships went to teams from South Alabama. Here's a look back at the championship week...

CLASS 6A - The Robert E. Lee Generals blanked Hewitt-Trawville 14-0 to win its second straight 6A title. The Generals have emerged in recent years as the team to beat in 6A circles, and given Coach Spence McCracken a reason to brag (like he has ever needed one).

CLASS 5A - The Blount Leopards won their second state title in three years by knocking off unbeaten Russellville 29-15. The Leopards have now taken away Vigor's claim as the top team in Prichard and may be as good as any team in the state, in any class.

CLASS 4A - The Daleville Warhawks closed out a 15-0 season by pounding Munford 40-8. The Warhawks had one of the state's most talented teams and played four of their five playoff games at home, making it almost impossible for anyone to upset the high-flying Hawks. The '92 Warhawks were the class of 4A, without a doubt, just ask Coach Swindall.

CLASS 3A - The Elba Tigers claimed their second title in four years with a 15-3 win over undefeated Lamar County. The Tigers struggled against five outstanding opponents in the playoffs and had to play four quarters in all five wins, as there were no gimmes. In the second half of the playoff games, Elba outscored its opponents 51-7, quite a statistic.

CLASS 2A - Hazlewood won the title for the fifth straight year as it dethroned Reeltown 37-6. The Bears have the most astounding playoff record in state history and should be the basis for a movie named "The Bears Are Bad News!"

CLASS 1A - Billingsley finally got its first state title as it edged Parrish 13-12. The Bears dominated small school action all season long and were my pick to win it all along. The state title should help Billingsley remain on top for years to come.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR WRAPS UP SEASON

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator hit on five of six championship picks and closed out the '92 season with an overall record of 363-72, for an accuracy percentage of over 83 percent. The local prep guesser stated when he stopped by Sunday that he wasn't getting older, only better, and vowed to be back again for the '93 season.

Before leaving, he did say that teams to watch out for this season in basketball included Brantley (1A), Samson (2A), Elba (3A), Headland (4A), Hillcrest (5A) and Dothan (6A).

Sports

Elba Christmas Tourney to tip-off Friday night

Elba High School will officially open its new gymnasium this week when it hosts the Elba Christmas Tournament.

The tournament will be held on Dec. 18-21 and will feature seven local teams.

The tourney will open on Friday, Dec. 18, at 5:00, when the Zion Chapel Rebels tangle with the high-powered New Brockton Gamecocks, while at 6:30 it will be the Arton Purple Cats against the Kinston Bulldogs. Elba will swing into action at 7:30, when the Tigers meet former Area foe Rehobeth.

The semifinals will be on Saturday night, Dec. 19, with the winner of the Arton-Kinston game meeting the winner of the Zion Chapel-New Brockton game at 6:00, and at 7:30 Opp will meet the Elba-Rehobeth winner.

The consolation game will be on Monday, Dec. 21, at 6:00, with the championship game to follow at 7:30.

"Opp has to be the favorite to win this tournament," said Elba's Coach Curtis Lane, "but we're in it to win and we'll play as hard as we can. We'll enter the tournament with three days of practice, so we'll be ready to play. We'll be anywhere near ready to play. We will, however, play hard every minute and play to win."

"The tournament will be fun for the fans to watch," added Lane, "and we hope everyone will come out and watch. New Brockton has an outstanding team and will be a team to watch, while Kinston and Arton are both good, as is Rehobeth. The tournament may not be as old as some of the others, but it will be very competitive and a very good high school tourney."

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Speaking of Elba's 15-3 state title win

Coach Wood calls win "greatest ever"

Elba High School head football coach Mack Wood has won over 200 games during his illustrious career and owns a pair of state championship rings won at T.R. Miller and Elba. However, following Friday night's win over Lamar County that gave the Elba Tigers the 1992 Class 3A state championship, Coach Wood didn't even try to conceal the excitement of winning the state title for the second time in the past four years.

"This is the greatest feeling in the world and a tribute to the fine young men that have been a part of this

team," stated Wood. "This team was as good as any in the state for much of the year, but could have given up after all the injuries early in the playoffs and could have used the injuries as an excuse. The players only saw the injuries as a challenge; however, and simply played harder as the playoffs continued and never lost sight of their goal of winning the state championship. This team deserved to win the state championship and deserves all the credit in the world for what it accomplished. It is a very special group of young men and without a doubt one of the finest

groups to ever take the field in Elba!"
This team could have folded when it got behind by ten points down in Mobile to St. Paul's, added Wood, "but it ignored the problems that existed and found a way to win. It would have been easy to roll over against a very good Southern Choctaw squad, but again the team survived and won the game late. The win over Asheville was a big one because the team began to put things back together, and Friday night the players took charge early and simply refused to lose, like it has throughout the season."

The offense had one of its best games of the playoffs against Lamar County," Wood stated, "and if not for some mistakes could have put some more points on the scoreboard. We planned on hitting them inside with Jamie Brockton and this time the plan worked just like we wanted it to. Jamie had a big night and ran hard for all four quarters, as did Teddy Burks, who never left the game, and never complained and just kept on doing everything we asked him to do. The offensive line did a good job picking up the blitzes and really controlled the line of scrimmage most of the game. The line was the key to our success offensively, and Friday night had another winning night."

"Most high school players would have been lost for the season with a broken hand," Wood continued, "but Keith Grantham played five playoff games with a broken hand and still came out to play. Against Lamar County, he had to pick up the blitzes and change plays at the line, and he did an outstanding job. Keith symbolized the dedication that this entire team showed since the first day of practice and led us to the finals and the title."

"The defense gave up some yardage," admitted Wood, "but never gave up the big play, and once again was the key to the win. Lamar County ran a wide-open offense that came at the defense from every angle and had already proven that it could put points on the board in a hurry. The defense gave up some yards, but made Lamar County earn every yard it got, and refused to let them in the endzone."

"Bryce Phillips had a solid night

in the line," said Wood, "and made some big plays that helped us stop a couple of drives. The entire line played hard for all four quarters and slowed down the Lamar County running attack. Jamie Brockton, Phillip Compton and Kevin Bryan all played well at linebacker and made correct reads on the many traps and reverses that they saw, while the secondary kept their receivers in front of them and came up with some big plays that kept Lamar County out of the endzone."

Tony Hooks and Josh Caldwell both played the short passing game hard and never let the receivers outside for big gains," added Wood, "and Perry Stinson, Teddy Burks and Che Vaughan all had big plays. Che and Josh had big interceptions that stopped threats, and they both made big plays on the interceptions."

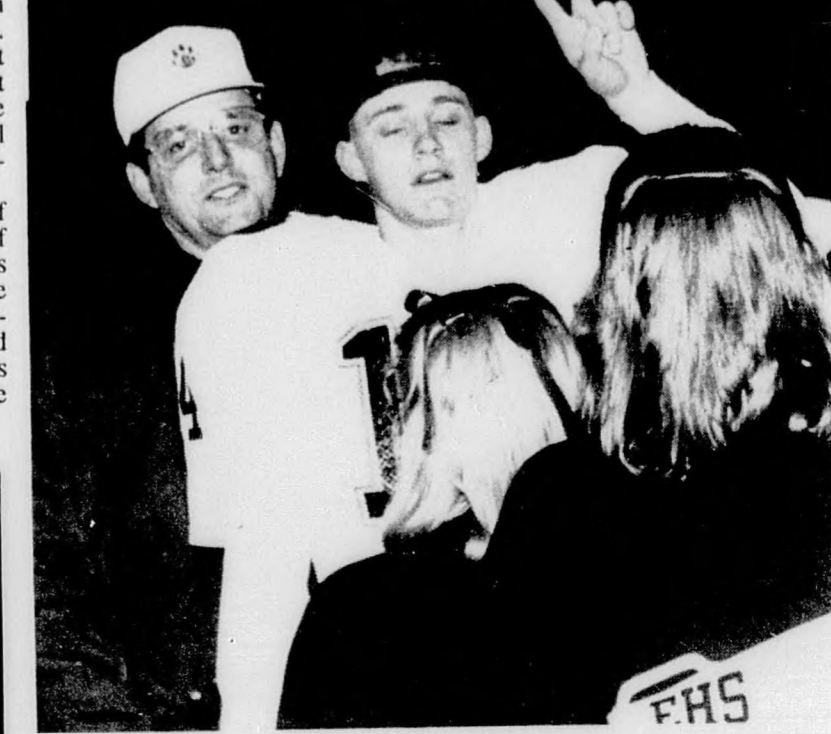
"This win, and the championship, was one that every single player on the field, and on the sidelines played a big part in," Wood stated, "It takes good players to win football games and we were blessed with some fine high school football players. However, it also takes those players that don't get in the games very much on Friday nights to win football games. Those players run the scout teams at practice, and play just as big a part both mentally and physically, as the rest of the players. This football team was like a family and stuck together through thick and thin."

"I have never been any prouder of a bunch of young men than I am of this team," Wood declared. "This team worked hard on and off the field, had good leadership and dedicated itself to being the best it could be at all times. The 1992 Elba Tigers are champions in every sense of the word!"

TIGERS ARE #1

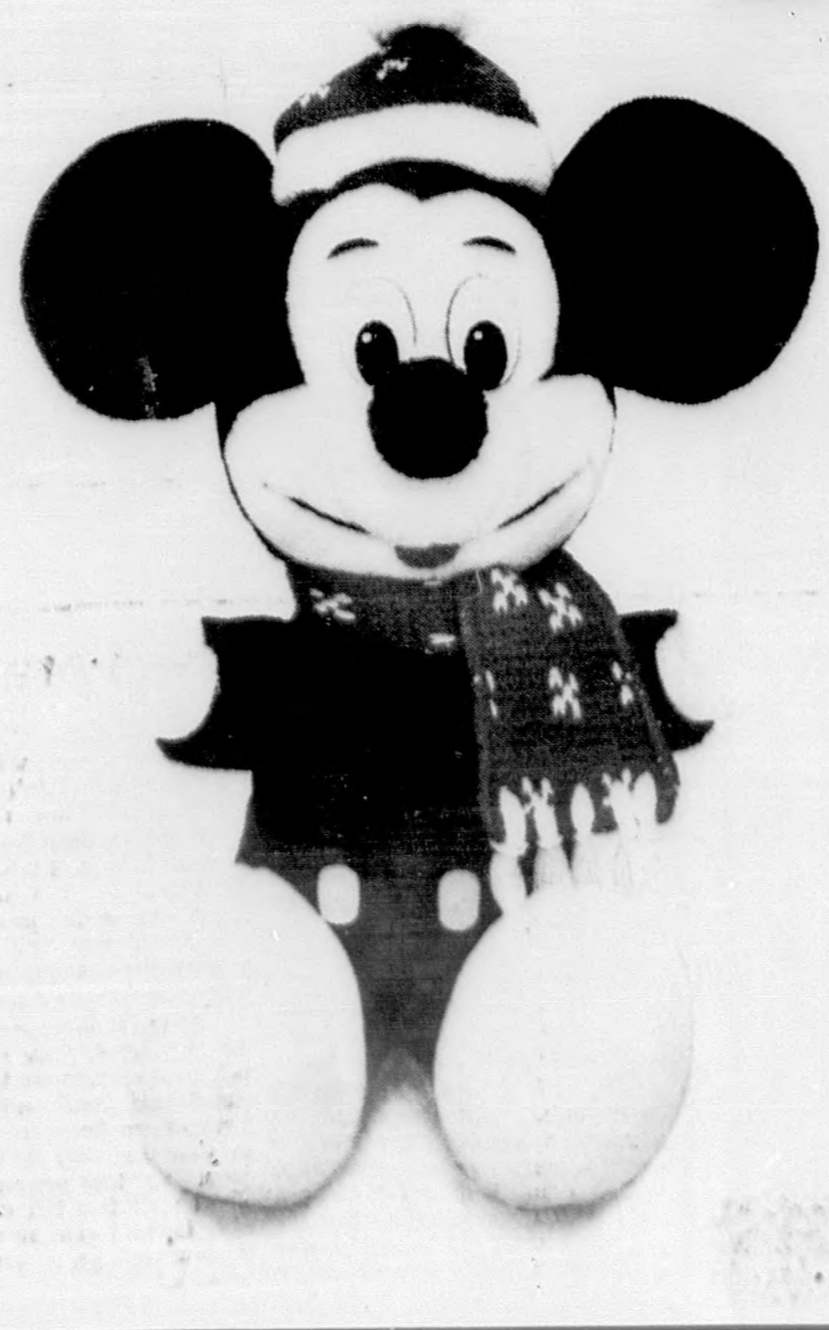


Elba's Coach Mack Wood was back in front of the cameras after Friday night's 15-3 state championship win over Lamar County.



A tired, but happy Keith Grantham got congratulations from his father and let everybody on the field know that the 1992 Elba Tigers were the state's number one team in Class 3A.

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1992 ELBA TIGERS



LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE! Elba captains Bryce Phillips (78) and Joe Donaldson (89), along with Kevin Bryan (61) and Teddy Burks (33), listen to pregame instructions before the kickoff of Friday night's Class 3A state championship game. The Tigers lost the toss, but won the game 15-3 to claim their second state championship in the past four years.



HERE COME THE TIGERS! Elba's Philip Compton (60) leads the Tigers through the victory banner as the team celebrates their 15-3 win over previously unbeaten Lamar County. Elba won the state title with an impressive 15-3 win over previously unbeaten Lamar County.

Finish '92 season with 13-1 record Tigers tame Bulldogs 15-3 to bring

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Lamar County ended its season with a 13-1 record, with the only loss coming in the finals. Elba kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back on a punt and needed only four plays to get into the endzone. Senior fullback Jamie Brockton barreled through a hole for a 37-yard gain on Elba's first play from scrimmage to set the Tigers up with a first down and goal at the Lamar County 9-yardline, and got the touchdown.

The Elba offense put 15 points on the scoreboard in the first half, and the defense tossed a shutout in the second half, as the Tigers tamed the Lamar County Bulldogs 15-3, Friday night in Vernon, to claim the 1992 Class 3A state football championship. The win gave the Tigers a final record of 13-1 and equaled a school record for wins in a season, while



Elba's Josh Caldwell (82) hangs on while teammate Che Vaughan (10) comes in to help bring down a Lamar County receiver. The Elba defense held the Bulldogs to three points and both Vaughan and Caldwell came up with big second half interceptions to halt Lamar County scoring threats.

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Elba fans of all ages were present at Friday night's historical state championship game and cheered the Tigers on to their second state title in four years.



Tiger quarterback Keith Grantham (14) looks for a receiver in fourth quarter action during Friday night's state title game. Grantham passed for one touchdown in the 15-3 win over Lamar County.

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3A STATE CHAMPS



Elba's Teddy Burks (33) heads upfield on a punt return on the final play of the first half. Burks gained 98 yards on 22 carries and caught a 50-yard touchdown pass to lead the Tiger offense in the state championship victory over Lamar County, Friday night in Vernon, Alabama.



Elba's Aaron Smith (85) drags down a Lamar County runner for a short gain. Smith made 4 solo tackles and played a major role in the Tigers 15-3 win over the Bulldogs that gave the Tigers the state Class 3A high school football championship.

state 3A title back home to Elba

Elba led to 9-0 with 1:25 still left in the opening quarter.

The Bulldogs were down early, but not about to quit, and behind the running and passing of Alan Abston marched to a first at the Elba 31-yardline.

Lamar County got as close as the

25, but on fourth down had to settle for a field-goal attempt, which was good from 42 yards out by Greg Graham to cut the Tigers lead to 9-3 with 7:36 left in the half.

The Tigers put the ball in play at their own 20-yardline with 3:57 left

in the half following a missed 44-yard field-goal attempt by Graham, and marched 80 yards in only six plays to take command.

Teddy Burks gained 23 yards on 4 carries to help get the Tigers out of the hole, then slipped past the line of

scrimmage unnoticed on a third down and one play at midfield, and took a pass from Keith Grantham and raced 50 yards for an Elba touchdown. The two-point conversion failed; however, with 1:20 left in the second quarter the Tigers were back in charge with a 15-3 lead.

Lamar County came out fired up in the third quarter and put together long drives on its initial two possessions of the half, only to come away empty-handed.

The Bulldogs reached a first down and ten at the Elba 31-yardline on its first drive of the half, but got pushed back and were forced to punt.

The second possession saw the Bulldogs march to the Elba 16-yardline, where on second down a pass went off the fingertips of an intended receiver, and Che Vaughan made a spectacular diving interception only inches from the goal line to turn back the Lamar County scoring threat.

A fumble recovery by Josh Caldwell at the Lamar County 45-yardline gave the Tigers a chance to add to its lead midway through the fourth quarter, but the Tigers squandered away the scoring opportunity, and gave the ball back to Lamar County at the Bulldog 18-yardline with 5:11 left on the clock.

Lamar County now had its high-powered offense in full gear, and behind the passing of Alan Abston, the Bulldogs moved to a first down at the Elba 29-yardline.

The Bulldogs moved to a second down and two at the 21-yardline; however, Abston then tried to go deep, and Elba's Josh Caldwell intercepted the pass at the one-yardline to again turn back the Bulldog threat.

Elba had the ball on its own 1-yardline with 2:49 left on the clock, but refused to give the ball back to the Bulldogs and behind the running of Teddy Burks and Jamie Brockton moved to three first downs to kill the clock, and the Lamar County hopes, as the Tigers counted down the seconds and claimed the 15-3 state championship win.

Jamie Brockton gained 159 yards on 13 carries to lead the Elba ground attack, while Teddy Burks added 98 yards on 22 carries. Keith Grantham hit only 2 of 5 passes, but one went for 50 yards and a touchdown.

Kevin Rogers gained 54 yards on 9 carries for Lamar County, while Alan Abston completed 15 of 30 passes for 143 yards, with Jeffery Salters catching 4 passes for 38 yards.

Bryce Phillips made 7 solo tackles and 1 assist to lead the Tiger defense, while other defensive standouts included Teddy Burks (5 tackles and 1 assist), Jamie Brockton (4 tackles and 1 assist) and Philip Compton, Aaron Smith and Josh Caldwell (all with 4 tackles).

STATISTICS

EL	1st Downs	LC
12	15	
250	Rushing Yds.	115
62	Passing Yds.	143
312	Total Offense	258
2-5-0	Passes	15-30-2
0-0	Fumbles/Lost	1/1
5-36	Punts-Ave.	3-32
57	Penalty Yds.	30

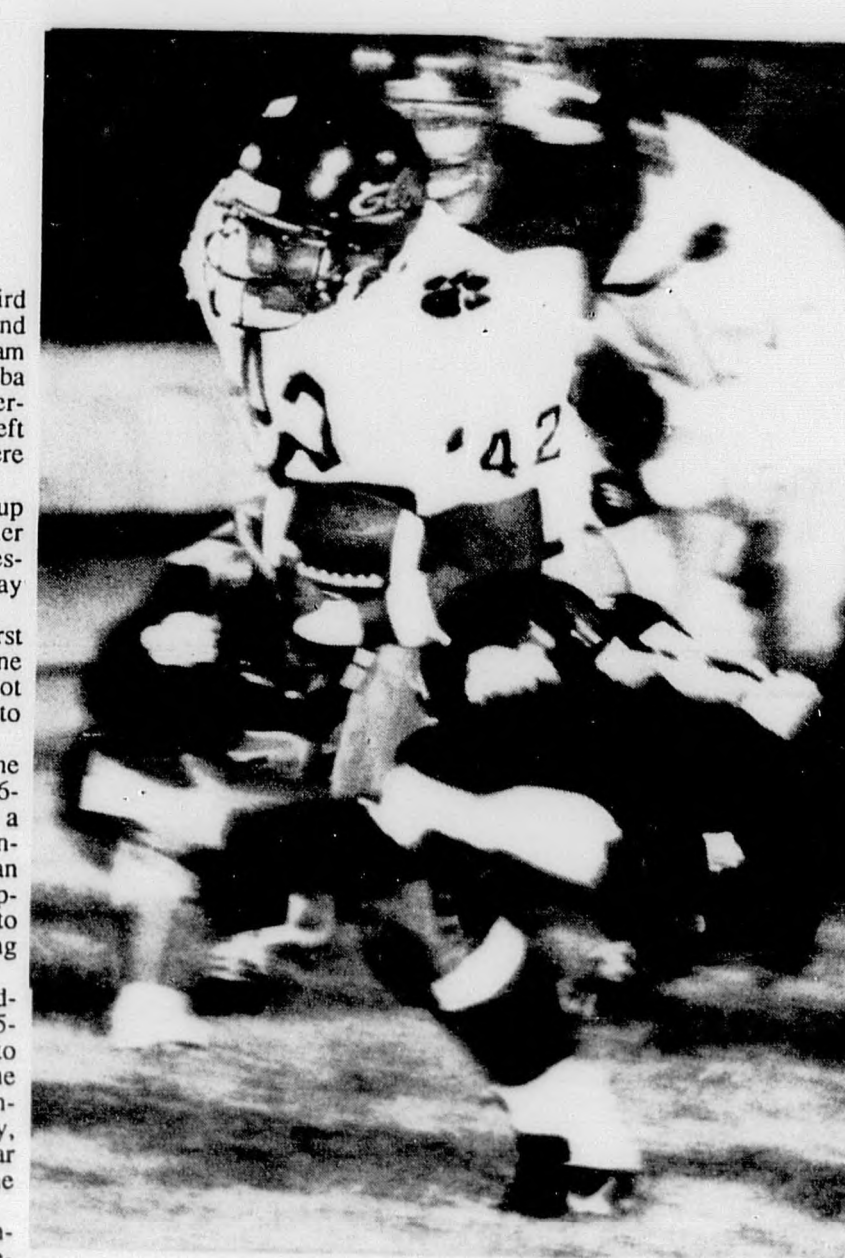
ELBA TIGERS ARE BACK ON TOP!



Elba assistant coach Bill Rayborn watches the game's final play as Tiger fans begin to come through the gate behind the players' bench. The Elba fans poured onto the field after the game to congratulate the 1992 state champion Elba Tigers.



Marching Tiger Dance Line members Marsha Lewis, Tiffany Tew and Melissa Benbow performed during half-time at Friday night's championship game. The Marching Tiger band made the long trip to Vernon and provided inspiration for the players and fans with their spirited music.



Elba fullback Jamie Brockton (42) breaks a tackle on the Tigers' opening play enroute to a big 37-yard gain. Brockton gained 159 yards on 13 carries, and scored a touchdown to spark the Elba offense in the big win.

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ASCS Committee Results Announced

Results of the December 7 election of ASCS Committee persons in Local Administrative Area No. 1 were announced by John D. Dalrymple, Chairperson of the Coffee County ASC Committee. Out of a total of 726 eligible farmers who were eligible to vote, 134 votes were cast.

Farmers elected to Committees were:

Community C:
Larry Miller - Chairperson; Rufus R. Wilson - Vice Chairperson; Donald Senn - Member; Annabelle

A. Wilkes - 1st Alternate; Ted Rugg - 2nd Alternate.

Community D:
Dennis Smith - Chairperson; James R. Nicholson - Vice Chairperson; Tommy Brooks - Member; Larry Bradshaw - 1st Alternate; Jumell B. Tindal - 2nd Alternate.

Community E:
Tim Sanders - Chairperson; J. Carl Sanders - Vice Chairperson; Ted Fillingim - Member; D. K. Wise - 1st Alternate; Carla P. Bailey - 2nd Alternate.



Dykes Adkison

Adkison Elected President Of GFA

Richard L. Petcher, Associate County Agent

Mr. Dykes Adkison was just elected as the director of District 9 to the GFA Peanut Association. This District 9 covers Mississippi, Louisiana, and 14 counties in Alabama. This is a three-year term. He was also recently elected as president of the 10-member board of the GFA Peanut Association. This is a two-year term.

In talking with Dykes, he said, "We need to have the quota cut back to about 1.4-1.5 million tons nationwide at the most. This would bring the supply and demand together and that would stop peanuts being crushed in the loan. That would give consumers a good quality product as a good fair price."

Dykes is a peanut grower in the Fairview Community of Coffee County. He has been farming peanuts all of his life and is one of the most knowledgeable people I know in the areas of peanut economics, peanut production, and every aspect of peanuts. I know he will represent our peanut growers well.

Area Students Graduate From TSUD

The following students completed requirements for the associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees during the 1992 Fall Quarter at Troy State University at Dothan.

Bachelor's Degree: Denise Smith Sauls of Jack, AL and Mark Gregory Parker of Kinston, AL.

Master's Degree: "Mildred Lee Harris of New Brockton, AL.

Kinston Girl's 4-H News

by Allie Sumblin, Reporter

On Wednesday, November 18, 1992, the Kinston 6th grade girls had their second 4-H meeting lead by Mrs. Hughes, county agent, in Mrs. Ogletree's classroom. Pres. Hope Bedsole called the meeting to order. Then we sang two songs led by Kaci Fleming and Dana Pritchard, our song leaders. Erin Musgrove, our devotional leader, read our devotional, the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Club Pledge. Amy Jones, our secretary, called the roll and everyone was present. After that she read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Hughes gave us our project sheets and our December handout for projects next month. Amy Long and Olivia Foley gave progress reports on their projects. The program was on colors and personalities. Then the meeting was adjourned.

4-H Meeting: Kinston 6th Grade Girls

by Allie Sumblin, Reporter

On Wednesday, December 9, 1992, in Mrs. Ogletree's classroom the Kinston 6th grade girls had their third 4-H meeting of the year. President Hope Bedsole called the meeting to order. Song leaders Kaci Fleming and Dana Pritchard led two songs. Erin Musgrove, the devotional leader, read the devotion. Then Tiffany Rhoades, the vice president, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the 4-H Club Pledge. Secretary Amy Jones called the roll; one person was out. Then she read the minutes of the last meeting. This month was the cookie contest; so everyone was asked to turn in cookies so they could be judged. The winners were 1st place, Jessica Anderson; 2nd place, Hope Bedsole; and 3rd place, Allie Sumblin. Last month we brought pictures for the photography contest. The winners were: 1st place, Laura Rowell; 2nd place, Hope Bedsole; and 3rd place, Amy Jones. After that we got a project sheet. Erin Musgrove, Chastity Norris and Tonya Cauley gave progress reports on their projects. Vice President Tiffany Rhoades introduced the program. It was "How to Make Candy" and was given by Mrs. Hughes. Then the meeting was adjourned.

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Sandra T. Coffey, County Agent

Select Gifts That Create The Least Waste For Christmas Giving

Any gift has the potential of becoming waste if it isn't used by the receiver. However, some gifts are sure not to become garbage. If you carefully consider the normal activities of recipients, you are likely to select gifts that are compatible with their lifestyles. Many of the suggestions are not unusual or exciting. However, if you intend for gifts to bring some form of satisfaction and not become a burden to receivers because they have to be displayed, stored, cleaned or dusted routinely, take a close look at this list.

Babies: books, diaper service, lotion or other baby toiletries, and savings bonds.

Children: books, educational tapes/videos/movies, lessons (swimming, dancing, music, karate, art), new experiences (airplane ride, boat ride, bus trip, train ride), play at local theater, meals at an ethnic restaurant, trip to an amusement park or zoo, savings bonds.

Individuals and Families: a supply of favorite snacks (popcorn, peanuts, pecans, etc.), home-baked bread in reused coffee cans, basic household tools (hammer, screwdriver, extension cords), can crusher for recycling cans, books, less-toxic cleaning supplies, faucet aerator, fire extinguisher, rechargeable flashlight, restaurant gift certificates, health care (dental care, eye exam, physical exam), light bulbs, low-flow shower head, magazine subscriptions, doormat made from recycled materials, roll of postage stamps, smoke alarms, return-address stamp, gourmet foods, subscription to local newspaper, tickets to favorite sporting event, toothbrushes and toothpaste, unscented lotion, recycled paper, a gift basket full of recycled products, wood or metal folding clothes dryer.

Especially for Senior Citizens: spend time with person, doing something he or she likes, take person shopping for food, pay monthly premium for health care, pay for a long-term prescription or health care item used with a chronic illness or disease (e.g. blood pressure pills, diabetic medications, rental fee for health care equipment), pay a utility bill (water, cable, trash collection), provide a month's supply of canned fruits or vegetables that the person likes, provide a service such as cleaning hard to reach places (high windows, under beds, behind appli-

ances), clean out the refrigerator or freezer, do laundry, freeze a meal or dish prepared the way the person likes it (use his or her recipe), maintain lawn for one month, make a household repair (e.g. leaky faucet), rake leaves; sweep off the roof, take out the garbage for the month, bring in the mail.

Richard L. Petcher,

Associate County Agent

Outstanding Young Youth Recognized At Farm-City Week Banquet

During the recent Farm-City Week Banquet 35 outstanding youth from Coffee County were recognized. These youth were selected by their schools and were selected from a broad spectrum of accomplishments.

I read a quote recently which said, "Every adult needs a child to teach because that is the way that adults learn." One of the things that brings me, and I am sure others a great thrill and joy, is to see our youth become all that they can be.

These are the youth who were selected from each of their schools:

Elba High School—Bo Boyd, Charles Bozeman, Dusty Smith, Holly Stinson, Indya Lawless.

Kinston High School—Amanda Moody, Kim Scofield, Holly Odum.

New Brockton High School—Brent Spencer, Tina Thomas, Eddie Brust, Jason Dickey.

Zion Chapel High School—Michael Parker, Sandy Jacobs, Falcinity Littlefield.

Emily Bryan was recognized for having the number one steer in the state. Also recognized were members of the State Winning 4-H Livestock Judging Team and the State Winning 4-H Meat Judging Team. Livestock Team members included Charles Bozeman, Beverly Flowers, Reggie Britt, and Bo Boyd. Members of the Meat Judging Team were Robyn Rhoades, Laura Hall, Jamie Brockton, and Grant Coleman. These teams were coached by Stan Windham and Myrna Rhoades.

The Farm-City Scholarship winners for last year were Jeff Watson and Keely Warren.

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The Gary Allen Family
Gary, Jenny, Justin, age 8, Mallory,
age 5, and Kevin, 1 year

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